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WEDDING WARS

Borough leaders speak out pro and con on upcoming gay nups

Party at Marty's

Beep: Gays can get married at my place

By Thomas Tracy
The Brooklyn Paper

Lesbian and gay couples in a hurry to tie the knot still can't run to the nearest chapel — but Borough Hall's doors will be wide open for them.

In a "wedding present" of sorts (who needs a new toaster, anyway?), Borough President Markowitz vowed to open up the people's house for couples planning to get married on the same day the new same-sex marriage law goes into effect.

"You don't have to go to Manhattan to get married," Brooklyn's biggest booster told a room full of LGBT couples and supporters during a Borough Hall "champagne toast" to gay nuptials on Wednesday. "You can go right across the street to complete your paperwork, then you can come

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Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Chuck Gonzales (left) and Michael Thibeault raise a glass to gay marriage during a champagne toast at Borough Hall. The couple is planning to leave Manhattan for Brooklyn.

Bishop bans pro-gay pols

By Daniel Bush
The Brooklyn Paper

Talk about separation of church and state!

The Diocese of Brooklyn banned state officials who voted for same-sex marriage from honoring students or even appearing at Catholic schools and parishes as punishment for their role in destroying "the single most important institution in human history."

Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio announced the ban two days after New York State passed a law allowing gay couples to tie the knot, igniting a war of words between the church and lawmakers.

Calling the bill another "nail in the coffin" of traditional marriage, DiMarzio asked Catholic schools and

parishes to refuse any awards from Gov. Andrew Cuomo or state legislators who supported the measure, which passed June 24 and takes effect later this month.



DiMarzio also demanded "all pastors and principals to not invite any state legislator to speak or be present at any parish or school celebration."

The ban was for the "foreseeable future," and is already having an impact.

Assemblyman Joe Lentol (D-Williamsburg) told us the \$50 check he sent for a student at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel's parish school on Withers Street in Williamsburg was returned — along with a copy of the bishop's statement.

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Photo by Aaron Short

Bay Ridge Manor, owned by state Sen. Golden's family.

Golden's hall gives a yes vote

By Dan MacLeod
The Brooklyn Paper

State Sen. Marty Golden may have called gay marriage the "destruction of the sacrament of marriage" — but his family's catering hall is more than happy to accommodate your LGBT wedding reception!

Golden (R-Bay Ridge) was Brooklyn's only state senator to oppose the passage of the historic same-sex marriage legislation late last week.

To find out if the staff at the Bay Ridge Manor — which Golden

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Takeru Kobayashi (far right) joined the Nathan's hot dog eating contest via satellite TV — eating a record-breaking 69 hot dogs and buns from a rooftop bar in Manhattan.

Coney's biggest day upstaged

Chestnut wins — but Kobayashi sets world record

By Thomas Tracy
The Brooklyn Paper

He won again (sort of!).

Gustatory giant Joey "Jaws" Chestnut chomped down on his fifth straight Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Championship on Monday, passing 16 hungry competitors by gobbling down 62 hot dogs and buns in 10 minutes — but former world cham-

pion Takeru Kobayashi ate a world record 69 HDBs in the same 10 minutes while competing simultaneously at a rooftop bar in Manhattan's Flatiron District.

The bizarre stunt left the entire world wondering what to make of — and, indeed, how to judge — Chestnut's fifth-straight victory, given that it came at the very same time as Kobayashi broke the

San Jose star's world record of 68 HDBs, albeit under decidedly different circumstances.

Kobayashi, of course, has been consumer non grata in the International Federation of Competitive Eating since he refused to sign a contract last year, then showed up at the contest anyway, and rushed the stage and was arrested. Later, he was unceremo-

niously removed from the Nathan's Wall of Fame.

But watching the man-versus-dog competition on TV from Manhattan, Kobayashi was himself again, eating hot dogs like he once chomped down on pan-seared cow-brains — and, perhaps, achieving his most-important goal: ruining Chestnut's day.

Indeed, the champ's victory

celebration was muted — but only briefly — when it was announced that Kobayashi ate 69 hot dogs and buns in the same 10 minutes.

Chestnut showed no signs of cracking up over the news.

"That wasn't a competition, that was just him eating. I ate 71 hot dogs by myself once," Chestnut said. "It was his choice not to be here."

"It's sad that he thinks he's

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Brooklyn's two worst bridges

By Natalie O'Neill
The Brooklyn Paper

Prospect Park's teensy Terrace Bridge has one thing in common with the Brooklyn Bridge: they're both the lousiest in the borough.

According to the city's latest "Bridge Condition Report" — which ranks bridges based on "structural deficiencies" — the two are on a list of the four worst citywide.

Unlike the internationally famous-



Photo by Bass Adler

The Terrace Bridge in Prospect Park has one thing in common with the Brooklyn Bridge: both were rated "poor" in a citywide bridge survey.



Photo by Bass Adler

A tale of two bridges
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but-architecturally-flunking Brooklyn Bridge, Terrace Bridge — a blink-and-miss-it arc stretching a few yards across Prospect Park lake — "doesn't get much day-to-day use," said Eugene Patron of the Prospect Park Alliance.

But, even so, the tiny stone struc-

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Current team member Siobhan St. John shimmies alongside hundreds of aspiring hopefuls at an open audition in Downtown to re-earn her coveted spot as a Nets dancer.

Brooklyn Nets? Not on the dance line!

By Shavana Abruzzo
The Brooklyn Paper

Technical foul!

The New Jersey Nets' relocation to Brooklyn has roused plenty of negative emotions in some quarters, but last week really hurt: not one hometown beauty was chosen for a coveted spot with the Nets

Dancers when they make their dazzling debut at the Barclays Center next year — and this after two open auditions that drew upwards of 500 contestants.

You know how it is.

"It's a whole package, they all have to be athletic, strong, physically-fit and well-spoken because

they serve as ambassadors for our team," said Kimberlee Garriss, the entertainment manager for Nets Basketball, which held a tryout at the Mark Morris Dance Center in Fort Greene last Saturday.

Alanna Simpson of Brooklyn Heights and Theresa Tirone of Ben-

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Heaven on their minds

Atheists plan suit over 'Seven in Heaven' sign

By Natalie O'Neill
The Brooklyn Paper

"Heaven" can wait.

Manhattan-based atheists are poised to sue the city for installing a street sign in Red Hook that endorses the religious view that an afterlife exists.

To honor seven firefighters who died in 9-11, a portion of Richards Street was renamed "Seven in Heaven Way," a move that prompted criticism, national news coverage — and now an apparent lawsuit from atheists who say the sign is akin to spiritual "product placement."

"We see religion imprinted in our culture from the time we're young enough to remember," said Ken Bronstein of NYC Atheists, who has met with lawyers and plans to file a lawsuit over what he considers a church-and-state issue. "We can show injury

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Photo by Tom Callan

Firefighters helped co-name a Red Hook street in honor of seven comrades who died in the 9-11 attacks — but now the sign is the subject of a proposed lawsuit.



Photo by Bass Adler

Brooklyn Fare promises to find most any fish in the world — and have it ready for pickup within 24 hours. Owner Moe Issa (pictured) was able to find this rare Australian Hiramasa in a day.

FLYING FISH

Downtown market will get your catch of the day in 24 hours!

By Daniel Bush
The Brooklyn Paper

So where do you get your fugu?

An upscale Downtown market says it can get you any fish in the sea in 24 hours or less — and it easily passed our test when we special ordered a

hard-to-get Australian delicacy.

After hearing that the owner of Brooklyn Fare on Schermerhorn Street at the corner of Hoyt Street promises to find any fish in the world — and have it ready for pickup the

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City to buses on Old Fulton Street: bug off

By Kate Briquelet
The Brooklyn Paper

Idling buses and commercial vehicles will be booted from Old Fulton Street under the city’s new plan to transform the tourist-happy thoroughfare with spectacular views of the Brooklyn Bridge and the Manhattan skyline into a pedestrian-friendly zone.

The Department of Transportation unveiled a redesign for the street — which includes a public plaza, expanded sidewalks and landscaped medians — on June 21, claiming that one of the plan’s goals is to keep double-deckers and limousines from illegally parking and idling on the street.

Residents hailed the city plan, which will be presented to locals before the end of July and could break ground as early as September.

“This is a major step in addressing a community need,” said Joan Zimmerman, president of the Fulton Ferry Landing Association. “Try and think about having dozens of tour buses in every part of the road you can imagine. It’s a very significant quality of life issue.”

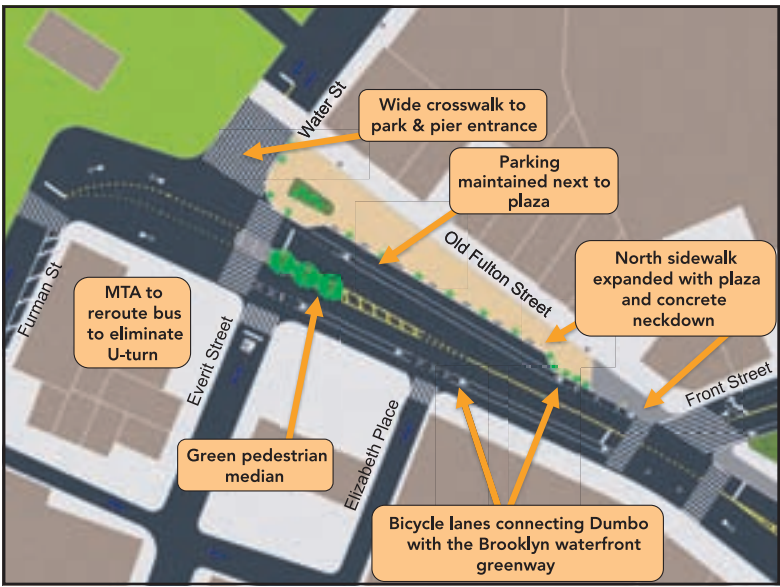
Ever since Brooklyn Bridge Park’s Pier 1 opened last year, more and more traffic has come to Old Fulton Street, with vehicles illegally parking on the street’s striped median markings, residents say. They also charge that out-of-town tour buses and cars often drop sightseers off on all parts of the wide street, which spans from the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway to Brooklyn Bridge Park. City-based sightseeing tours, however, know to park at a designated bus lot on Furman Street.

Now that the city’s new ferry service stops at Fulton Ferry Landing, the area has only gotten busier, they say.

Under the plan, the city



Courtesy Department of Transportation



Old Fulton Street could get landscaped medians as soon as September under the city’s new plans to make the thoroughfare more pedestrian-friendly.

will install raised, tree-filled concrete medians near the BQE and Water Street to prevent illegal parking and idling.

On a recent Saturday

night, there were lots of tour buses but no illegal parking. Park cops shooed away cars that tried to drop people off at the end of the block, while dozens of city coaches con-

tinued on to Furman Street, where parking for buses is allowed.

Visitors flock to the pier not only for Brooklyn Bridge Park, but also for the Brook-

lyn Ice Cream Factory and The River Cafe. Wedding parties arrive in limos to take photos against the Manhattan skyline.

But despite diverting tour bus traffic, merchants on the strip of Old Fulton weren’t worried about losing business.

Peter Thristino, owner of Pete’s Downtown restaurant, said that most tourists get off the bus, snap a photo and leave anyway. The customers to worry about, he said, are the ones navigating the confusing traffic.

“In the end, it’s figuring out traffic control,” Thristino said. “It’s a disaster waiting to happen, with people just walking out in the middle of the street.”

Old Fulton Street will also get bicycle lanes and new crosswalks and signals at Water and Furman streets. The sidewalk on the north side of the street between Water and Front streets will be widened into a plaza, although the parking lane adjacent to it will remain.

A city official said widening the sidewalk isn’t just to give the never-ending line of pizza lovers always found outside of Grimaldi’s some breathing room — it will support all businesses on the street.

Richard Mauro, president of the Fulton Ferry Business Association, couldn’t wait for the changes to begin.

“This is going to bring out the openness of the area,” he said. “As long as we get the pedestrian traffic, that’s what we’re interested in.”

The city will divert all tour buses to Furman Street and work with the MTA to reroute the B25 bus’s weekend schedule so it will no longer have to make U-turns at the end of Old Fulton Street. Instead, the bus will follow its weekday route, taking Front Street to Main Street and then heading east on Water Street to Old Fulton Street.

Proposals to mitigate traffic on Old Fulton Street are nothing new. Earlier this year, the city installed “No Parking” signs — and stepped up enforcement — at the entrance to the park near Furman Street. And over the last few years, a number of traffic lights have been added to the strip.

A tale of two bridges

BROOKLYN BRIDGE	BRIDGE	TERRENCE BRIDGE
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1,595 feet	Length	128 feet
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127,000	Daily visitors	360
The Great Bridge	Nickname	The What Bridge?
“Seventh wonder of the industrial world,” “National Historic Landmark”	Words to describe	A pretty decent “spot for sketching trees”
“Once Upon a Time in America,” “I am Legend,” “Spiderman,” “Moonstruck”	Cameos	That way-too-long fishing video on YouTube.
Brooklyn Bridge shooting, Cold War bunker discovery, 1980 transit strikes	Famous moments in history	Still waiting...

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ture — which is closed to cars and sits across from the area that once housed the ice skating rink — will be reconstructed and given a historic restoration, according to the Department of Transportation.

The agency was quick to add that a “poor” ranking means that a bridge is not up to current engineering standards, but is not necessarily unsafe.

That’s part of why parkgoers — many of whom care more about protecting wildlife than helping drivers navigate the park — say construction on the 140-year-old bridge isn’t worth disturbing one of the few wildlife-rich areas in Brooklyn.

“The question is whether construction crews will be environmentally sensitive,” said park watchdog Johanna Clearfield, adding that waterfowl live nearby. “The city should be held accountable.”

News about the bridge makeover comes after park users last year complained that city agencies have not thoroughly maintained and enforced upkeep of the park, citing everything from littering to illegal barbequing.

Department of Transportation spokesman Scott Gastel said that a date for the construction had not yet been set, but fixing the Brooklyn Bridge — which hosts an average of 127,000 drivers per day — is first on the to-do list.

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right back here. We’ll have some judges ready to do the ceremony for you ASAP.”

There will even be champagne and photographers, he said.

For further help with the big day, Markowitz will be hosting Brooklyn’s first-ever LGBT wedding expo in Borough Hall on July 25.

“You have no idea how many catering facilities out there that want your business,” he said.

Albany legalized same-sex marriage on June 24. Once the law goes into effect on July 24, same-sex couples can get married and begin receiving the same state

benefits heterosexual couples do.

And, like all couples planning to wed, they have to follow a few rules: once they apply online and show up in person at the Office of the City Clerk at 360 Adams St. to finish the application, excited couples will have to painstakingly suffer through a 24-hour waiting period before a ceremony could be performed.

Markowitz expects the

first wave of LGBT couples looking to get married to arrive on July 25 or July 26, since July 24 lands on a weekend. The city hasn’t decided yet if its going to open its clerks offices on that Sunday.

And same-sex couples can’t get married anywhere. Legislators made it crystal clear that no religious institution will be forced to perform a same-sex marriage ceremony if they don’t

want to.

As far as Borough Hall goes, looking around the marbled entrance and expansive meeting area, LGBT couples were impressed by Markowitz’s offer to turn the building into a catering hall.

“It’s a nice place,” said Michael Thibault, who was celebrating the passage of gay marriage with his partner Chuck Gonzalez. “We don’t have a date set yet, but this could be a possibility.”

DIMARZIO

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“I’m disappointed,” said Lentol, a Catholic who voted for the bill, and often attends services at the church. “They’ve always accepted my checks.”

Mt. Carmel’s pastor, Joseph Calise, said he was following orders from DiMarzio.

“It couldn’t be done in Joe’s name,” Calise said of the annual award from Lentol. Calise added that a parishioner provided a matching award.

Lawmakers in the bishop’s dog house bristled at his hard stance.

They pointed to the exception in the law, secured by Republican leaders in exchange for their vote, that exempts religious institutions from accepting same-sex marriage.

“We would never force a Catholic priest to marry anyone they do not approve of,” said state Sen. Diane Savino (D–Bensonhurst).

And anger from the church shouldn’t stop Borough President Markowitz from following through on his plan to open Borough Hall for a slew of gay nuptials on July 25, the first day they’re legal.

“Whatever your convictions, love is love,” Markowitz said.

In an indication of how the ban will be enforced,

Calise said state lawmakers were still welcome to attend regular church services and special events, such as Mt. Carmel’s beloved Feast of the Giglio.

“We wouldn’t stop them from coming” to pray, he said.

State Sen. Marty Golden (R–Bay Ridge), the lone Brooklyn senator to vote against the bill, will be spared the cold shoulder.

Churchgoers we spoke to Tuesday afternoon were supporting their bishop, say-

ing DiMarzio made the right call.

“Inviting people that voted for [same-sex marriage] into schools is not appropriate,” said Lorenzo Regalado, a parishioner at the Cathedral Basilica of St. James in Downtown Brooklyn, and an opponent of the new law.

Charles Greene agreed. “I wish more bishops would take steps like that,” he said.

— with Jared Foretek, Aaron Short and Thomas Tracy

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owned before selling it to a relative in 2003 — shared the legislator’s beliefs, two of our male reporters stopped by the 76th Street catering hall on Wednesday, identifying themselves as same-sex partners looking for a place to celebrate their upcoming nuptials.

But instead of showing them the door, a manager didn’t bat an eye and immediately spread out a few pamphlets on the desk, outlining the various catering packages that ranged from \$60 a head for a “hot smorgasbord” buffet to \$95 a head

for a cocktail reception and a full dinner with choices of filet mignon and pan-seared yellow fin tuna steak.

The manager was courteous and open to hosting the event at the manor — which features a ballroom with crystal chandeliers — and never commented on the reporters’ apparent sexual orientation.

Golden, however, isn’t as accepting.

The Catholic cop-turned-legislator — who hosted several Republican fundraisers at the Bay Ridge Manor, as well as a GOP rally for Rep. Michael Grimm (R–Bay Ridge) before his 2010 election — re-

ferred to same-sex marriage in biblical terms, calling the legal coupling of gays “a challenge to our faith” the day after the measure passed by a slim 33-29 vote in the Senate.

“My faith guided me, as it has throughout my political career, in deciding what is right and what is wrong, and as such, I couldn’t and didn’t vote to legalize same-sex marriage,” he said.

The senator did not reply to e-mails requesting comment on this story by our midnight deadline, but an aide confirmed that the senator continues to hold events there.

“When we do, we pay to have them there like others who book affairs [and] events at the Bay Ridge Manor,” said

spokesman John Quaglione.

Last Friday’s vote means New York will join Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Iowa and Washington, D.C. on July 24 in legally recognizing gay marriage.

The vote in the senate was contentious, but many legislators who had voted against same-sex marriage in the past rallied for its passage this time around — including state Sen. Carl Kruger (D–Brighton Beach). Kruger, who voted against the bill in 2009, but was ousted as a homosexual in a recent FBI probe, claimed that legalizing same-sex marriage was “the reaffirmation of what a family is,” as he cast his vote.

Golden voted as expected.

In May, the senator had said his constituents “don’t give a rat’s ass” about gay marriage, prompting a protest outside his Fifth Avenue office.

But Golden isn’t the only Brooklyn legislator opposed to gay marriage. Before the Senate took up the bill, the measure passed the Assembly with an 80-63 vote — but without the help of Assembly members Nicole Malliotakis (R–Bay Ridge), Peter Abbate (D–Dyker Heights), Bill Colton (D–Bensonhurst), Inez Barron (D–Canarsie), Steven Cymbrowitz (D–Sheepshead Bay) and Dov Hikind (D–Borough Park).

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Woman beat up for her purse

78TH PRECINCT

Park Slope
A teenage jerk beat up a woman on Lincoln Place on June 30.
The 34-year-old victim told cops she was chatting on her cellphone near Fifth Avenue at 9:30 pm, when a thug punched several times in the side of her head. He then snatched a purse from her left hand and ran towards Sixth Avenue.

Cops arrested a 15-year-old suspect the same night.
Unlucky cabbie
A jerk snatched the license plate from a cab parked on Fourth Avenue on July 1.
The 59-year-old driver told cops that he parked his yellow cab near Fifth Street at 3:30 am, then came back about three hours later. When he returned he saw that his New York license plates and taxi meter had been swiped.

Subway chase

A crook snatched a fancy cellphone from a straphanger on Seventh Avenue on June 27.

The 25-year-old victim told cops he was leaving a subway station near Ninth Street at 5:10 am, when two men ran up to him from behind. One of the thugs reached over the victim’s right shoulder and grabbed his iPhone before they both ran away. The straphanger chased after the crooks for a few blocks — but they disappeared into the subway station.

Bad taste

A brazen thief snatched some money from a tasty restaurant on Ninth Street.
A 33-year-old owner of Ha Noi Vietnamese Kitchen, which is near Fifth Avenue, told cops that workers locked the restaurant at around 11:30 pm, then returned at 10:30 am the next day. That’s when they discovered the lock on the door had been busted, the cash register was smashed — and \$150 was missing.

Toyota taken

A crafty thief stole a car parked on Grand Army Plaza on June 27.
The 64-year-old driver told cops he parked and locked a gray 1998 Toyota Camry near Flatbush Avenue at 9 am, went to the park, then came back at 11 pm. That’s when he discovered his ride was gone — with no broken glass in sight.

Wallet gone

A jerk snatched a wallet from a car parked on Second Avenue on June 30.
The 29-year-old driver told cops he parked his gray 2007 Lincoln near 10th Street at 1 am, then returned around 12:30 pm the next day. That’s when he discovered his passenger-side window had been smashed — and his wallet and \$250 global positioning device were gone.

Ford-Iorn

A crook stole a car parked on 12th Street on June 27.
The 36-year-old victim told cops he parked his red 2001 Ford sedan near Fifth Avenue at 10 pm, went to work, and then home — leaving the car where he had parked it. He came back three days later and discovered his ride was gone — with no broken glass in sight.

Mirror score

A crook snatched some fancy mirrors from a car parked on Ninth Street on June 25.
The diver told cops she parked her maroon 2003 Mercedes Benz near Prospect Park West at 5:30 pm, came back a few days later, and discovered her mirrors — which are worth \$2,000 — were gone.
— Natalie O’Neill

77TH PRECINCT

Prospect Heights
Free ride

A crook snatched a motorcycle parked on Classon Avenue on June 27.
The 28-year-old victim told cops he parked an orange 2010 Honda motorcycle worth \$12,000 near Park Place at 9 am, then left for an hour. That was enough time for the crook to swipe it.

Three gashes

A thug broke into an apartment and stabbed a man on Sterling Place on June 28.
The 42-year-old victim told cops he was playing with his kids inside his home near Washington Avenue at 6 pm, when a woman broke his front window and stabbed him three times in the stomach with a knife.
Cops arrested a 31-year-old suspect the same night.

Dense driver

A jerk stole a car parked on Washington Avenue on July 4.
The 26-year-old victim told

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cops he left his white Nissan Maxima running near Lincoln Place at around 7:20 pm, and then walked into a shop to buy a bottle of water. He came back a few minutes later and found his car gone.

Face wound

A jerk beat up a man on St. Johns Place on June 28.
The 31-year-old victim told cops he was standing on the sidewalk at around 8 pm, when a stranger punched him, leaving him with a gash on his face.

Gadget snatch

A crook snatched some electronic gadgets from a car parked on Classon Avenue on June 27.
The 35-year-old victim told cops he parked his black 2007 Jeep Wrangler near Eastern Parkway at 4 pm, then went to a meeting at a nearby school. He came back five hours later and discovered his global positioning device and backpack — with a hard drive inside — were gone.

Empty-handed

A jerk beat up a club-goer on Pacific Street on July 2.
The 19-year-old victim told cops he was walking from Club Status near Classon Avenue just after midnight, when five men ran up to him from behind. “Give me what’s in your pockets!” one of them yelled before punching him, leaving him with a six-inch cut on the back of his head and then running away empty-handed.

Sixty bucks

A group of thugs beat up a man on St. Marks Avenue on June 30.
A woman told cops she and her husband were standing in front of their home near Carlton Avenue at 8:35 pm, when a group of men approached. One yelled, “Give me all you got!” another punched him in the face before snatching \$60.

Fire starter

A weirdo jacked a fire extinguisher from a boutique on Washington Avenue on July 1.
An employee at Awedacity, a clothing shop, told cops that a thief walked into the store, which is near St. Johns Place, at 5:45 pm, then snatched a fire extinguisher — worth \$200 — off the wall.
— Natalie O’Neill

68TH PRECINCT

Bay Ridge-Dyker Heights
Thugged

A barbarous robber held a knife to a woman’s throat and stole her cash and iPhone on 80th Street on June 29.
The victim told cops she was nearing Ridge Boulevard at around 2:45 pm when a man pulled a black knife out of his waistband and held it against her throat, ripping her phone and \$250 out of her hands.
“I’m going to slit your f—ing throat if you call the cops,” he told her, before running off.

Doesn’t compute

Thieves busted into a man’s Eighth Avenue home on June 27 and stole his laptop.
The victim told police he left his home, which is near 67th Street, around 11 am. When he returned at 9:30 that night, his found his front door broken down, his computer missing, and his apartment trashed.

Club and stab

Knife-wielding thugs stabbed two men as they left a 62th Street nightclub on June 28.
The victims told cops they were leaving the V Lounge near Eighth Avenue around 1 am when someone came up behind them, and stabbed one in the chest twice and the other in the armpit.
The victims were taken to Maimonides Medical Center.

Big score

Thieves made off with a big score — nearly 50 grand in cash and jewelry — after robbing a man’s 74th Street home on June 26.
The victim told cops he was on vacation when robbers made their move. When returned to his house between 10th Avenue and Fort Hamilton Parkway on July 3, he found that someone had busted in his back door and lifted \$8,000 in cash, \$40,000 in jewelry, and a computer.
— Dan MacLeod

90TH PRECINCT

Southside-Bushwick
Shot in leg

A gun-toting fiend shot a man in the leg on Humboldt Street on June 28.
The 85-year-old victim was nearing Boerum Street at 1:18 pm, when he heard

four shots. He winced it pain when he realized one shot hit his right leg. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

iGone

Two thieves stole three iPhones from three people on Ainslie Street on July 2.
Two men and a woman were nearing Union Avenue at 2:20 am, when the thugs approached and demanded their phones.
When the victims refused, one thief took out a silver handgun and demanded again. This time, the victims handed over the phones.

Bank run

A greedy robber made off with \$5,900 from a Signature Bank branch on Broadway on July 1.
The thief walked into the bank, which is near Berry Street, at 10:31 am, and asked a teller, “You know me from last time?”
The teller said “no,” so the robber stated, “Give me 100s and 50s from the bottom.” When she took out the cash from her register, he added, “that’s not enough, give me more.” She did, at which point he left.

Goons with guns

Two thieves robbed a four dudes on Kent Avenue on June 27.
The four men left a S. Fourth Street nightclub at 3:30 am and were nearing N. First Street when the perps approached them.
One perp waved a gun and demanded their phones, and the other collected the four phones — plus \$30 — from the group before running away.
— Aaron Short

84TH PRECINCT

Brooklyn Heights–DUMBO–Boerum Hill–Downtown
Proud thief

A patriotic prowler stole five flagpoles from a construction site on Cadman Plaza West on June 29.
A Transportation Department employee told cops that he left the poles, draped with American flags, near Prospect Street at 11 am. When he returned the next morning, the \$500 beams were gone.
Park rustler
A bandit on the Brooklyn Heights promenade stole a woman’s purse from a park bench on July 1.
The 18-year-old victim told police that she left the bag unattended at 11:35 pm. When she went to retrieve the sack, it was gone. She later found it in a trash can on Remsen and Hicks streets, but her iPod, sunglasses, camera and cards were gone — along with what she says was one of the first two-dollar bills ever printed.

Clean house

Someone purloined a woman’s wallet from her hotel room on Adams Street on July 2.
The California victim left her room at the Marriott hotel near Willoughby Street at 11:40 am. When she returned an hour later, cleaning staff were there, but her billfold was gone.
The thief scored \$735, her U.S. passport and cards.

Camera ready
A lucky thief stole a bag of tech toys from a straphanger on Court Street on June 29.
The 40-year-old victim was at the Brooklyn-bound 2 train platform near Joralemon Street around 10:30 am, and set his camera and laptop on the floor. When the train arrived, his knapsack was gone.
The crook got away with a MacBook, Canon SLR, lenses, and memory cards.

Phone it in

A trio of bandits robbed a man of his iPhone on Bergen Street on July 2.
The victim told police that he was near Nevins Street at 12:11 am when the rogues surrounded him.
One of the thieves asked, “What do you have in your pockets?” while another rummaged through the man’s pants.
Once the thieves had his phone, the first thief asked if the man had anything else, to which he replied, “Isn’t the iPhone enough?”
The devious triumvirate then fled east on Bergen Street.

Two-wheel steal

Someone stole a motorcycle from Livingston Street on July 1.
The 49-year-old biker told cops that he chained his \$13,500 wheels around a tree near Clinton Street at 8:30 am. The Manhattan man returned that afternoon, but only the lock remained.

Bad news

A burglar stole cash and cigarettes from a Montague Street newsstand on July 2.
The 60-year-old victim told police that he left his stall near Henry Street at 7 pm.

When he got to work the next morning, \$3,100, plus 300 phone cards and 20 packs of cigarettes, were gone.

Game over

An intruder made it big after breaking into an Atlantic Avenue apartment and stealing bundles of electronics.
Three roommates told police that they left their pad near Hicks Street at noon. When they returned that night, they were bereft of three MacBook Pros, cameras, video games, Nintendo Wii and PlayStation 3 consoles, a jar filled with \$200, and other electronic loot.
— Aaron Short

88TH PRECINCT

Fort Greene–Clinton Hill
Ride-along

A delivery man went the extra mile — or in this case, half a block — in a bid to recover cash that a thief lifted from his parked vehicle on June 30.
The victim told cops he was standing in front of his delivery truck, which was double-parked on DeKalb Avenue between Carlton Avenue and Adelphi Street, at 4:42 pm when he saw a thief snatch more than \$7,000 in checks and cash from the cab, then jump into a get-

away car.
The victim jumped on the hood of the escape vehicle and held on for a half a block, but had to let go. The car got away.
Duly noted
Thieves held up a Flushing Avenue Chase bank on July 1.
The bank told cops that the robber walked into the branch near Washington Avenue around 2:45 pm and passed the teller a note that read: “Give me all \$100 & \$50 bills or else everyone dies!!!”
The teller obliged, handing over \$6,600, and the hoodlum made off in a white Cadillac DeVille.

Tech steal

Light-fingered thieves swiped a bevy of goods in Fort Greene Park when a man briefly left his bag unattended on June 28.
The victim told cops he set down his bag to take a picture of his daughter at around 3 pm.
When he was done, his bag — which held two laptops and a fancy iPad — was gone.

Hand it over

A thief pilfered almost \$1,500 right out of a woman’s hands on Greene Avenue on July 2.
The victim told cops she was sitting on her stoop, which is between Classon and Grand Avenues, when the thief approached and grabbed the wallet out of her left hand, before booking it around the corner.

Night job

Thieves swiped two computers from a sleeping couple’s home on Adelphi Street on July 2.
The victims told cops the robbers came in through the unlocked back door of their home near Willoughby Avenue sometime between 3 and 8 am — while they were sleeping.
The thieves made off with two laptops.

Not the car!

Fiends stole a car that was parked on Willoughby Street on July 1.
The victim told cops he parked his 2003 Chevy Impala between Myrtle and DeKalb Avenues around 10 pm. When he returned the next morning, his wheels were gone and broken glass was on the ground.

What, no tip?

A thief made off with a woman’s purse when she left it unattended at a restaurant on Fulton Street near on June 26.
The victim told cops she left her purse when she left at her table to go to the bathroom around 2:30 pm. When she came back, her purse had been taken off the back of her chair at the restaurant, which near South Portland Avenue.

iPunch

A violent punk punched a woman and stole her phone on Vanderbilt Avenue on June 28.
The victim told cops she was nearing Gates Avenue at around 8:30 pm when the punk came up behind her, grabbed her phone, and punched her in the face.
— Dan MacLeod

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Here's where you can shake it in Brooklyn this summer

By **Meredith Deliso**
The Brooklyn Paper

There's just something about summer that makes you want to go out and dance. Never mind the soaring temperatures — if there's a good beat and chill people, you're ready to sweat.

"People come out to parties to have a great time and dance, and we're just so grateful to them," said Nutritious, a DJ who hosts the weekly Wednesday night Brooklyn Shakedown at Bembe in Williamsburg. "They bring a lot of great energy and excitement."

With that spirit in mind, we present some of the best dance parties in Brooklyn — from outdoor, canal-side grooves to rooftop, firework-lit jams to your go-to Saturday night staple. The only thing missing is your dancing shoes.

Great outdoors

Who would have thought a dance party along the toxic Gowanus Canal could be fun? The DJs behind Mister Saturday Night make it so, as DJs Eamon Harkin and Justin Carter present an outdoor version, Mister Sunday, to a yard on Carroll Street — formerly known as Bklyn Yard. This laid-back afternoon party has some hula hoops to help get your hips shaking, a sparkling disco ball and house tunes. Babies are welcome, as well as dogs, as long as they're leashed. When you need a break, take a seat and enjoy food from Country Boys and Mile End. There's also beer and sangria if you're thirsty, which you surely will be.

Gowanus Grove (400 Carroll St. between Bond and Nevins streets in Gowanus, no phone), Sundays from 3 to 8 pm, \$10 before 5 pm with RSVP to mistersaturdaynight.com, \$12 otherwise. For info, visit mistersaturdaynight.com.

Daytime dance party

In the spirit of the daytime dance party comes Body and Soul. Founded at Vinyl in Tribeca in 1996 and now found at Webster Hall, the party comes to Brooklyn for the first time on July 17 at Industry City in Sunset Park, celebrating 15 years of unpretentious, good times, thanks to its DJs, Danny Krivit, Francois-K and Joaquin "Joe" Clausell.

"We wanted to do something a little different than the normal, big club in Man-



Photo by Janice Yi



In the house: (Pictured clockwise from top) A typical Body and Soul dance party; Kathleen Letsgo shakes her hips — with the help of a hula hoop — during Gowanus Grove, a Sunday daytime dance party along the Gowanus Canal; DJ Selectress Iriela gets the party started at Bembe's weekly house party; and the DJs behind Body and Soul — which comes to Sunset Park's Industry City on July 17.

hattan kind of thing," said party founder John Davis. "So I decided to do something in a Brooklyn warehouse."

Indeed, Davis will take over Industry City with lights, decorations and its trademark mix of music, which usually hits on techno, soul, house, disco, and tribal.

"The party is all about dance," said Davis. "It's just a hardcore dance crowd."



Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Body and Soul at Industry City [220 36th St. near Second Avenue in Sunset Park, (855) 273-2837], July 17 from 4 pm to late. Tickets \$30 \$20 in advance. For info, visit www.bodyandsoul-nyc.com.

Party with a view

Cha Cha's, Coney Island's home of "wild women and wise guys," takes ad-

vantage of its outdoor space this summer with its Friday night rooftop parties. Once the sun goes down, you can dance above the Boardwalk thanks to the club's resident DJ, and get a sweet view of the Wonder Wheel's weekly Friday night fireworks.

"We got the bird's eye view," said owner John "Cha Cha" Ciarcia, who can be found up on the roof singing and dancing each Friday. "It's a great place, with great people for a great time."

Rooftop dance party at Cha Cha's [1229 Riegelmann Boardwalk near Stillwell Avenue in Coney Island, (718) 946-1305], Fridays from 8 pm to midnight now until Labor Day weekend. \$15. For info, visit www.chachasofconeyisland.com.

Brooklyn institution

The Bunker isn't the most regular event — after eight years of floating from dance floor to dance floor in the city, you can find it on select Fridays at Public Assembly in Williamsburg. And when it does go down, this techno party for people who love to dance is not to be missed. So mark your calendars: it's next up on July 22.

The Bunker at Public Assembly [70 N. Sixth St. between Wythe and Kent avenues in Williamsburg, (718) 384-4586], July 22 at 10 pm. Tickets \$30 in advance only. For info, visit beyondbooking.com/thebunker.

Saturday night staple

For a regular party you can count on, these venues and parties get down on Saturday nights:

Franklin Park [618 St. Johns Pl. near Franklin Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 975-0196], Saturdays at 10 pm, free. For info, visit www.franklinparkbrooklyn.com.

First Saturdays at the Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], first Saturday of the month, next up on Aug. 6 at 5 pm. Free. For info, visit www.brooklynmuseum.org.

Mister Saturday Night at 12-turn-13 [172 Classon Ave. between Park and Myrtle avenues in Clinton Hill], July 23. Time and cost TBA. For info, visit mistersaturdaynight.com.

The Rub at Southpaw [125 Fifth Ave. at

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FESTIVAL

Vive la France

Georg Bucher once said that the French revolution, like Saturn, devoured its own children. The good news is that on Smith Street, you can devour patisseries.

The street's annual Bastille Day celebration is upon us again, featuring games, music, and



File photo by Robin Rakin

tasty French food.

Bar Tabac, Robin des Bois and Provence en Boite will once again shut down restaurant row between Bergen and Pacific streets on July 10 for the celebration of French independence with live

bands (expect to hear "La Marseillaise" more than once), and pétanque — aka French bocce.

It's actually North America's largest pétanque tournament, with more than 80 teams.

Over at Provence en Boite, owner/chef Jean-Jacques Bernat will be offering up some special holiday fare.

"We still have the barbecue, we serve chicken brochette, French fries, croque monsieur, and we make a special pastry for this day," said Bernat. "Voilà!"

Bastille Day on Smith Street [Smith Street between Bergen and Pacific streets in Cobble Hill, (718) 923-0918], July 10, 11 am-10 pm. For info, visit www.bartabacny.com. — **Jared Foretek**

EVENT

On the run

Talk about a run woman show.

In "Endure," Melanie Jones brings you through the hills and paths of Prospect Park, an immersive play inspired by that curious hobby incomprehensible to anyone who hasn't felt the urge to do the New York City Marathon — long-distance running.

Jones, who's finished four marathons herself, is a running junkie. Being out on the road for hours at a time training for these grueling races inspired her to document the experience.

"When I was out there for a long time, I started to notice that almost every human experience under the sun came up while I was running," said Jones.

With such rich, dramatic ground to draw from, Jones wrote "Endure," a stream-of-consciousness narrative that documents one woman's ups and downs while running 26.2 miles, from start to finish — in a play that lasts, thankfully, only 45 minutes.

"Endure" meets at the Old Stone House in Washington Park [Fourth Avenue between Third and Fourth streets in Park Slope, (718) 768-3195], July 9 and 16 at 11 am. Free. You must RSVP in advance to download the audio file. For info, visit www.runwomanshow.com. — **Meredith Deliso**



Photo by Christopher Davis

PLAY

Have faith

In this "Romeo and Juliet," the young lovers have faith, as well as feuding families, to contend with.

Theater 2020, a new Brooklyn Heights-based company, puts a new twist on Shakespeare's enduring love story with a Hindu Romeo and Muslim Juliet in its production of "Romeo and Juliet," running at Saint Charles Borromeo on



Photo by David Fuller

Sidney Place starting July 14 and then later this month at Brooklyn Bridge Park's Pier One.

The producers were inspired to add this religious element to the play after reading about a Muslim girl in India killed by her family for dating a Hindu boy. When the boy found out, he killed himself.

"It was 'Romeo and Juliet,'" said Judith Jarosz, who runs the company with her husband, David Fuller.

To that end, there will be hijabs sported by the Capulets, as well as Middle Eastern dancing and music, and some Jim Henson-style puppets.

Theater 2020's "Romeo and Juliet" at Saint Charles Borromeo [21 Sidney Pl. at Livingston Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 624-3614], July 14 to 24, Thursdays at 7 pm, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm, and Sundays at 3 pm. Tickets \$18. Also at Brooklyn Bridge Park's Pier One (at the foot of Old Fulton Street in DUMBO), July 30 at 6 pm and July 31 at 2 pm. Free. For info, visit www.theater2020.com. — **Meredith Deliso**

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EDITORS' PICKS

FRIDAY
July 8

Wolf men

Once upon a time, Los Lobos was just another band from East L.A. More than 30 years since releasing their debut album, the Wolves have become one of the foremost Latin music bands around, thanks to its wide-reaching blend of traditional regional Mexican folk music like cumbia and boleros, rock and roll, blues, R&B, and country — plus a killer version of “La Bamba”. See them howl at Celebrate Brooklyn.

7 pm. Los Lobos at the Prospect Park band shell [Ninth Street and Prospect Park West in Park Slope, (718) 683-5600]. Free.

SATURDAY
July 9

Rock hard

Hipsters, this summer’s Woodstock awaits. Starting today, Floyd Bennett Field will be home to Jelly NYC’s next big outdoor summer concert series. Called Rock Beach, it’ll kick off with indie acts Penguin Prison, Wild Yaks, Janka Nabay and The Bubba Gang, and Monogold. And it wouldn’t be a hipster hangout without some slip ‘n’ slide and dodgeball.

2-8 pm. Rock Beach at Floyd Bennett Field [3159 Flatbush Ave. off the Belt Parkway in Marine Park, (718) 758-7500]. Free. RSVP required. For info, visit www.rockbeachus.us.

WEDNESDAY
July 13

Disco fever

Get ready to shake your groove thing, courtesy of state Sen. Marty Golden. The lawmaker may have voted no on same-sex marriage last month — making himself the only Brooklyn state senator to do so — but for one night this summer, he’ll have us moving to music that’s the stuff of gay anthems, thanks to a Disco Night at Marine Park. Here’s hoping they play Sister Sledge’s “We Are Family.”

7 pm. Disco Unlimited at Marine Park [Fillmore Avenue]. Free. For info, call (718) 236-7547 or (718) 238-6044.

THURSDAY
July 14

Jett-setter

The Beep loves rock ‘n’ roll! Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, known for the 1982 single and jukebox favorite “I Love Rock ‘n’ Roll,” will kick off Borough President Markowitz’s free summer concert series. It might be too hot to sport some leather, unfortunately.

7:30 pm. Seaside Summer Concert Series [W. 21 Street between Surf Avenue and the Boardwalk in Coney Island, (718) 222-0600]. Free. For info, visit, www.brooklynconcerts.com/seaside.html.

SATURDAY
July 16

Hop to it

Q-Tip, the leader of influential hip-hop group A Tribe Called Quest, goes solo as he headlines the Brooklyn Hip Hop Festival. The veteran emcee also dabbles in jazz, funk and soul, so we wouldn’t be surprised to see him rocking with a live band as he checks the rhyme.

Noon. Q-Tip at Brooklyn Bridge Plaza and Tobacco Warehouse (26 New Dock St. at Water Street in DUMBO, no phone). Tickets \$5-\$60. For info, visit www.bkhiphopfestival.com.

NINE DAYS IN BROOKLYN

FRI, JULY 8

“NATIVE NEW YORKERS”: A trail featuring native plants and specimens. Free. Brooklyn Botanic Garden [1000 Washington Ave., at Eastern Parkway in Crown Heights, (718) 623-7220]. www.bbg.org.

VIDBEL CIRCUS: Trapeze artists, jugglers and equestrians galore. \$10, children under 2 are free. 4 and 6:30 pm. (Stillwell Avenue and the Boardwalk in Coney Island). www.circusvidbel.com.

FILM, “NIAGARA”: As part of a retrospective on Marilyn Monroe. \$12, \$7 members. 6:50 and 9:15pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music [30 Lafayette Ave. near St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100]. www.bam.org.

MUSIC, LOS LOBOS: As part of the Celebrate Brooklyn festival. Free. 7 pm. Prospect Park Band Shell [Prospect Park West and Ninth Street in Park Slope, (718) 965-8900]. www.bricartsmedia.org/cb.

THEATER, “DEATH VALLEY”: The zombie and Western genres collide in this darkly comic play. \$15. 8 pm. The Bushwick Starr [207 Starr St. between Wyckoff and Irving avenues in Bushwick]. www.thebushwickstarr.org.

FILM, “MAMMA MIA”: Starring Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan and the music of Abba. Free. 8 pm. Narrows Botanical Gardens [Shore Rd. at 71st Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 748-4810].

MUSIC, “LA CALISTO”: It’s Francesco Cavalli’s opera about love and lust among the Greek gods. \$30. 8 pm. Proteus Gowanus [543 Union St. near Nevins Street in Gowanus, (718) 243-1572]. www.vpropera.org.

MUSIC, RENI LANE, MY OTHER FRIEND, SENATOR AND THE NEW REPUBLIC: \$10. 8:30 pm. Knitting Factory [361 Metropolitan Ave. at Havemeyer Street in Williamsburg, (347) 529-6696]. ny.knittingfactory.com.

THEATER, “THE MISER”: Moliere’s satirical comedy gets a modern twist by Piper Theatre. Free. 8:30 pm. Old Stone House [336 Third St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 768-3195]. www.theoldstonehouse.org.

MUSIC, THE RIDGE, STEVEN AND JOHN OF BURLAP TO CASHMERE: 9:30 pm. The Schnitzel Haus [7319 Fifth Ave. between 72nd and 73rd streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-5600]. www.schnitzelhausny.com.

SAT, JULY 9

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

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PERFORMANCE

THEATER, “DEATH VALLEY”: 8 pm. See Friday, July 8.

SALES AND MARKETS

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SIDEWALK SALE: Free. 9 am–1 pm. Trinity Lutheran Church [Third Ave. at 91st Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 745-745-0138].

BROOKLYN FLEA: More than 100 vendors. 10 am–5 pm. (176 Lafayette Ave. between Clermont and Vanderbilt avenues in Fort Greene). www.brooklynflea.com.

FLEA MARKET: Free. 10 am–6 pm. Reaching Out Community Services [Ocean Avenue between Voorhies Avenue and Shore Parkway in Sheepshead Bay, (718) 907-3478].

OTHER

“NATIVE NEW YORKERS”: See Friday, July 8.

READING, EDWARD KOHN: Author of “Hot Time in the Old Town. Includes trolley tour. \$10 (\$20 non-members). 1 pm. Green-Wood Cemetery [Fifth Avenue and 25th Street in Sunset Park, (718) 768-7300]. www.green-wood.com.

VIDBEL CIRCUS: 4, 6 and 8 pm. See Friday, July 8.

FILM, “ROCK N’ ROLL HIGH SCHOOL”: As part of the “Rock N’ Roll Summer” film series. \$6. 8:30 pm. Coney Island Museum [1208 Surf Ave. between Stillwell Avenue and W. 12th Street in Coney Island, (718) 907-3409]. www.coneyisland.com/films.

SUN, JULY 10

PERFORMANCE

THEATER, “DEATH VALLEY”: 2 pm. See Friday, July 8.

READING, “LAST THINGS FIRST”: A play about life, death, and sex; what else is there? Free. 2 pm. Jalopy [315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Columbia Street Waterfront, (718) 395-3214]. www.jalopy.biz.

MUSIC, “LA CALISTO”: 8 pm. See Friday, July 8.

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Bowled over: We love the Maine Mussels — lobster, smoked bacon, chowder, parsley — at Mussels and More in Bay Ridge.

Mussels and more

This Bay Ridge seafood restaurant hits the spot

By Sarah Zorn
for The Brooklyn Paper

Mussels and More had us eating our words this week — along with a heaping helping of utterly delicious bivalves.

When signs first went up for this place on Fifth Avenue and 80th Street in Bay Ridge, we had our doubts. We adore the humble mussel, but whenever we order them in restaurants, we usually get an overpriced saucer of stringy, sickly specimens, hidden under a shower of chopped parsley and diluted Campbell’s tomato soup.



But the promise of not travelling to Sheepshead Bay — as well as the ample sidewalk seating, a rarity in Bay Ridge — drew us in.

We quickly skimmed past the “more” side of the menu (burgers, pastas, pizzas, etc.) and went straight for the shellfish. Mussels are priced from \$11.50 to \$14.50, depending on whether you go for the no-frills “Classic” — with wine, parsley, and garlic — or something

more adventurous, such as the “Spaniard,” with chorizo and green olives.

Keeping with a childhood propensity for ordering the most expensive thing on the menu, we quickly zeroed in on the “Maine” mussels (\$14.95), which features lobster, smoked bacon, and a homemade chowder base.

When the steaming silver pot arrived at our table, it looked like someone dumped the contents of a generously stuffed lobster roll into it. Whatever the taste, this dish is clearly an outright steal.

The Prince Edward Island mussels themselves — delivered

fresh every day — were juicy and vibrantly orange, and the faintly pink broth was briny, creamy, and redolent of the sea.

And after polishing them off, we felt loved dipping our crispy fries into a stew thick with garlic, bacon, and giant hunks of lobster claw.

The “more” in this restaurant’s name might refer to chicken sandwiches and spaghetti, but we’re taking it as an invitation — to scarf down another serving of delicious Maine Mussels.

Mussels and More [8001 Fifth Ave. between 79th and 80th Streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 680-3390].

Chew on this

Taffy gets artisanal treatment

By Sarah Zorn
for The Brooklyn Paper

Her candy company may be called Salty Road, but Marisa Wu’s path to success is looking plenty sweet.

Riding high on Brooklyn’s love for all things small-batch, DIY, and retro, the self-taught Williamsburg confectioner is currently drawing raves for her hand-pulled, artisanal saltwater taffy — with a wholesale client list that includes Four and Twenty Blackbirds in Gowanus and the Bedford Cheese Shop in Williamsburg.



The sticky stuff: Marisa Wu makes traditional salt water taffy under the name Salty Road.

“They’ve all told me the product usually sells out,” said Wu. “People have been really into it — there isn’t exactly a lot of competition out there for homemade salt water taffy.”

While Wu’s chewy boardwalk throwbacks play heavily on nostalgia — each six-pack comes cutely packaged in a brightly striped bag, reminiscent of a 1920s swimming costume — these are definitely treats for the contemporary candy connoisseur.

Wu hand-pulls every piece of taffy she sells, flavoring vanilla, coconut, bergamot (orange) and peppermint candies with natural botanicals,

extracts and purees.

“Honestly, I was never really into salt water taffy before, because it seemed very artificial, generic and touristy,” admitted Wu. “But the stuff I’ve been making is really awesome, with an ice creamy sort of taste to it. Not at all what I remember salt water taffy being like.”

Wu plans to start selling her wares at Smorgasburg, and is hard at work developing new flavors, like sour cherry and Vietnamese coffee — but is not looking to put much else

BAR SCRAWL

By Bill Roundy

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